

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claims 1, 10, 12 and 13 have been cancelled and claims 5, 9, 11 and 21 have been amended. Claims 5-7, 9, 11, 20 and 21 are pending and under consideration.

The sole issue remaining in this application is a rejection of claims 1, 5-7, 9-13, 20 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,278,977 to Agrawal et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,324,495 to Steinman. Independent claims 1 and 13 have been cancelled, leaving only independent claim 21.

Claim 21 recites that the first event, together with the first and/or second connections are displayed without displaying any relationship unless the relationship is defined by a first or second connection. The Examiner cites FIG. 4 of Agrawal et al. for this limitation. However, in FIG. 4, unrelated connections are shown. For example, if event A is selected, then the connections from events B and C to event D are unrelated. Similarly, if event B is selected, then the connections from events A and D to event C are unrelated. Accordingly, FIG. 4 of Agrawal et al. does not satisfy the limitations of the claims.

In addition to the above, it is important to note that all "events" in Agrawal et al. are activities. To the contrary, independent claim 21 requires events to be connected in a cause and effect relationship. The cause and effect relationship is missing from Agrawal et al.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the obviousness rejection should be withdrawn.

There being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

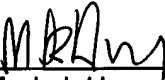
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